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SUBJECT: REMOTE ACCESS OF FAX NUMBERS FOR FAX TRANSMISSION

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## **DECLARATION UNDER RULE § 1.131**

This declaration is for the purpose of overcoming rejections based on US 2003/0203744 A1 filed on April 25, 2003 and US 2003/0048484 A1 filed on September 11, 2002.

We hereby declare that:

- 1. We are the inventors of the subject matter of the claims of the present application,
- 2. We conceived the subject matter of the claims of the present application before September 11, 2002. For example, the invention was described in an invention disclosure that we prepared and submitted to Hewlett-Packard Company before September 11, 2002.
- Exhibit A enclosed herewith as part of this declaration are partial pages copied from the invention disclosure, with dates redacted, which we prepared and submitted to Hewlett-Packard Company prior to September 11, 2002.
- 4. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false. statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon

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Exhibit A

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Description of Invention:

Please preserve all records of the Invention and attach additional pages for the following. Each additional page should be signed and dated by the Inventor(s) and witness(es).

Quescription of the construction and operation of the invention (include appropriate achievable, block, & timing diagrams; drawings; samples; graphs; flowcharts; computer listings; test results; etc.)

This idea is related to the fields of Mobile Internet Technology and Printing and Imaging. Specifically, the idea represents a new communications capability or mechanism between fax devices, including those incorporated into HP multi-function products, and wireless cell phones. Basically, the idea is that the fax component of an HP multi-function device could be designed to support the transfer of a fax number from a cell phone. Many of today's cell phones store information about individuals such as their telephone number, fax number, etc. Since this information is readily available in the cell phone, why should the cell phone owner have to retype the fax number on a fax machine to send a fax. The transfer could be through infra-red or other wireless connectivity method, and the number could be either stored in the fax machine's address book for future use, or submitted for immediate use. In this way, users do not have to look up fax numbers stored in their cell phone address books and manually enter them into the fax machine for use but could perform this action in an automated fashion.

B. Advantages of the Invention over what has been done before.

Manual copying of fax numbers from a cell phone address book into a fax machine would no longer be required.

C. Problems solved by the invention.

Since the telephone numbers are already stored in the cell phone, manually re-typing the numbers into a fax machine would no longer be required. The user could simply selected the desired fax number on their cell phone, insert the document into the fax device and say transfer on the cell phone. The fax machine would receive the number and send the fax. The fax machine could also store the number for long-term use if so desired.

D. Prior solutions and their disadvantages (if available, attach copies of product literature, technical articles, patents, etc.). We are not aware of any prior automated solutions using a cell phone and a fax machine.